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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING (Public Version) and
HAND DELIVERY (Confidential Version)**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/ Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia SC 29210

**Re: Application Regarding the Acquisition of Progress Energy, Inc. by Duke
Energy Corporation and Merger of Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. and Duke
Energy Carolinas, LLC
Docket No.: 2011-158-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to Regulatory Condition 7.6(b) and Order Nos. 2012-517 and 2016-772, please find attached for filing in the above-referenced docket a copy of Duke Energy Corporation's ("Duke Energy" or the "Company") 2021 Confidential Financing Plan (the "Financing Plan"). Regulatory Condition 7.6(b) requires Duke Energy to file, on an annual basis, with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") an advance confidential plan of all securities issuances the Company anticipates occurring during the calendar year. In addition to the public version of the Financing Plan being electronically filed with the Commission, we are also hand delivering to the Commission a copy of the confidential version.

The Financing Plan contains market sensitive, confidential and proprietary information, the disclosure of which could impact Duke Energy's financing costs. As such, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission find that pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-40(a), the Financing Plan is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10 *et seq.* and S.C. Code Ann. Regs § 103-804(S)(1) and protect this information from public disclosure.

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Accordingly, the Company is filing the confidential version of the Financing Plan under seal and respectfully requests that the Commission maintain this information as confidential pursuant to Order No. 2005-226.

Sincerely,



Rebecca J. Dulin

Enclosure

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**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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DOCKET NO. 2011-158-E**

In Re:)
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Energy Corporation and Merger of Progress)
Energy Carolinas, Incorporated and Duke)
Energy Carolinas, LLC)
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2021 Confidential Financing Plan of Duke Energy Corporation
Pursuant to Order Nos. 2012-517 and 2016-772

**CONFIDENTIAL PLAN FILED UNDER SEAL
JANUARY 15, 2021**